

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 24~~ A method in a computer system for importing import data into a data store, the method comprising:

providing metadata that defines a schema for the data store and defines how the import data is to be stored in the data store;

receiving import data to be stored in the data store;

after receiving the import data, generating the data store in accordance with the schema defined by the provided metadata; and

storing data into the generated data store in accordance with how the import data is to be stored in the data store as indicated by the provided metadata

wherein the metadata includes an indication of a name of each table of the data store,

wherein the metadata includes for each table of the data store and indication of each property of the table, and

wherein the metadata includes an attribute for each property indicating whether that property should be included in a hash value.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 24~~ A method in a computer system for importing import data into a data store, the method comprising:

providing metadata that defines a schema for the data store and defines how the import data is to be stored in the data store;

receiving import data to be stored in the data store;

after receiving the import data, generating the data store in accordance with the schema defined by the provided metadata; and
storing data into the generated data store in accordance with how the import data is to be stored in the data store as indicated by the provided metadata
wherein the metadata includes an indication of a name of each table of the data store,
wherein the metadata includes for each table of the data store and indication of each property of the table, and
wherein the metadata includes an attribute for each property indicating whether that property should be includes in a key.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 24~~ A method in a computer system for importing import data into a data store, the method comprising:
providing metadata that defines a schema for the data store and defines how the import data is to be stored in the data store;
receiving import data to be stored in the data store;
after receiving the import data, generating the data store in accordance with the schema defined by the provided metadata; and
storing data into the generated data store in accordance with how the import data is to be stored in the data store as indicated by the provided metadata
wherein the metadata includes an indication of a name of each table of the data store,
wherein the metadata includes for each table of the data store and indication of each property of the table, and
wherein the metadata include an attribute for each property indicating whether a value for that property should be derived from a related dimension table.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 24~~ A method in a computer system for importing import data into a data store, the method comprising:
providing metadata that defines a schema for the data store and defines how the
import data is to be stored in the data store;
receiving import data to be stored in the data store;
after receiving the import data, generating the data store in accordance with the
schema defined by the provided metadata; and
storing data into the generated data store in accordance with how the import data is
to be stored in the data store as indicated by the provided metadata
wherein the metadata includes an indication of a name of each table of the data
store,
wherein the metadata includes for each table of the data store and indication of
each property of the table, and
wherein the metadata includes an attribute for each property indicating whether the
import data for that property should be grouped into buckets.

30-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer system of claim 62~~ A computer system
for importing import data into a data store, comprising:
metadata store containing metadata that defines a schema for the data store and
defines how the import data is to be stored in the data store;
import data store containing import data to be stored in the data store;
a data store generating component that generates the data store in accordance with
the schema defined by the metadata; and
a storing component that stores data into the generated data store in accordance
with how the import data is to be stored in the data store as indicated by the
metadata

wherein the metadata includes an indication of a name of each table of the data store,

wherein the metadata includes for each table of the data store an indication of each property of the table, and

wherein the metadata includes an attribute for each property indicating whether that property should be included in a hash value.

65. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer system of claim 62~~ A computer system for importing import data into a data store, comprising:

metadata store containing metadata that defines a schema for the data store and defines how the import data is to be stored in the data store;

import data store containing import data to be stored in the data store;

a data store generating component that generates the data store in accordance with the schema defined by the metadata; and

a storing component that stores data into the generated data store in accordance with how the import data is to be stored in the data store as indicated by the metadata

wherein the metadata includes an indication of a name of each table of the data store,

wherein the metadata includes for each table of the data store an indication of each property of the table, and

wherein the metadata includes an attribute for each property indicating whether that property should be includes in a key.

66. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer system of claim 62~~ A computer system for importing import data into a data store, comprising:

metadata store containing metadata that defines a schema for the data store and defines how the import data is to be stored in the data store;

import data store containing import data to be stored in the data store;

a data store generating component that generates the data store in accordance with the schema defined by the metadata; and
a storing component that stores data into the generated data store in accordance with how the import data is to be stored in the data store as indicated by the metadata
wherein the metadata includes an indication of a name of each table of the data store,
wherein the metadata includes for each table of the data store an indication of each property of the table, and
wherein the metadata include an attribute for each property indicating whether a value for that property should be derived from a related dimension table.

67. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer system of claim 62~~ A computer system for importing import data into a data store, comprising:

metadata store containing metadata that defines a schema for the data store and defines how the import data is to be stored in the data store;
import data store containing import data to be stored in the data store;
a data store generating component that generates the data store in accordance with the schema defined by the metadata; and
a storing component that stores data into the generated data store in accordance with how the import data is to be stored in the data store as indicated by the metadata
wherein the metadata includes an indication of a name of each table of the data store,
wherein the metadata includes for each table of the data store an indication of each property of the table, and
wherein the metadata includes an attribute for each property indicating whether the import data for that property should be grouped into buckets.